

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-22, 24-42, and 44-62 currently stand rejected. Claims 1, 4, 7-18, 21, 24, 27-38, 41, 44, and 47-58 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 22-23, 42-43, and 61-62 have been canceled. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks and allowance of the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 3, 23, and 43 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed below, the Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 3 and intervening claim 2; has amended independent claim 21 to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 23 and intervening claim 22; and has amended independent claim 41 to include all of the limitations of the allowable claim 43 and intervening claim 42.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-62 are objected to because the term “transport type” as being vague. Claims 1, 4, 7-18, 21, 24, 27-38, 41, 44, and 47-58 have been amended to overcome the objection as suggested by the Examiner in the current Office action. The Applicant requests that the Examiner remove the objections to claims 1-62 accordingly.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 61 and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for claiming unpatentable subject matter because they disclose a computer software product per se. Claims 61 and 62 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 10, 12-13, 16, 18, 21-22, 24-25, 27, 30, 32-33, 36, 38, 41-42, 44-45, 47, 50, 52-53, 56, 58, and 61-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,625,258 B1 (Ram). As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claims 2 and 3, claim 21 has been amended to include all the limitations of

claims 22 and 23, and claim 41 has been amended to include all the limitations of claims 42 and 43. Therefore, as indicated by the Examiner in the current Office action, claims 1, 21, and 41 are allowable as amended.

Additionally, the Applicant refrains from discussion of dependent claims 4-5, 7, 10, 12-13, 16, 18, 24-25, 27, 30, 32-33, 36, 38, 44-45, 47, 50, 52-53, 56, and 58 in view of their dependence from otherwise allowable independent claims 1, 21, and 41.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Dependent claims 8-9, 11, 14-15, 28-29, 31, 34-35, 48-49, 51, and 54-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ram. The Applicant refrains from discussion of dependent claims 8-9, 11, 14-15, 28-29, 31, 34-35, 48-49, 51, and 54-55 in view of their dependence from otherwise allowable independent claims 1, 21, and 41.

Dependent claims 6, 19-20, 26, 39-40, 46, and 59-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ram in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0148297 (Park). The Applicant refrains from discussion of dependent claims 6, 19-20, 26, 39-40, 46, and 59-60 in view of their dependence from otherwise allowable independent claims 1, 21, and 41.

CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form are allowable over the art of record. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully solicits their allowance.

The Applicant believes no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should the Office determine fees are necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 210765.

Respectfully submitted,

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